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Ex parte Raterman et al.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed January 25,

2007, a Summary of Claimed Subject Matter in accordance with

37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v) is submitted herewith, as set forth in MPEP §1205.03.

V. Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims. Below, Appellants have provided a summary of the claim language mapped to the supporting disclosure of the exemplary embodiment for representation purposes only.

Claim 1 recites an apparatus 10 for mounting an adhesive dispenser 12, as depicted in FIGS. 1 and 2. The apparatus 10 includes a base 14 defined by sidewalls 16 and a top surface 18. The base 14 is provided with various features to facilitate storage and use of various tools, parts, manuals, or other items which may be used by operators during operation or servicing of the adhesive dispensing unit 12. (Application at paragraph 0013.) These features may include one or more of a storage bay 20 through sidewall 16, a drawer 22 slidably coupled to the base 14 through sidewall 16, a slide out shelf 24 through sidewall 16, and a swing out plate 26. (Application at paragraphs 0013-15.) The bay 20 and drawer 22 are useful for storing manuals, tools, notebooks, and various other items useful for operation of the adhesive dispenser 12. (Id.) The shelf 24 and plate 26 may be used to support manuals, tools, parts, or various other articles in connection with operation or serving of the dispensing unit 12. (Id.)

To secure an adhesive dispensing unit 12 to the top surface 18 of the base 14, the apparatus 10 includes a coupling member comprising a generally flat plate 34 that is securable to the top surface 18 of the base 14. (Application at paragraph 0015.)

Claim 8 is directed to an apparatus for dispensing liquid adhesive, as depicted in FIG 1. Claim 8 includes the features recited in claim 1, and further recites an adhesive dispenser 12, as described in the Application at paragraph 0013. Accordingly, apparatus of claim 8 includes a base 14 defined by sidewalls 16 and a top surface 18. The base 14 is provided with various features to facilitate storage and use of various tools, parts, manuals, or other items which may be used by operators during operation

or servicing of the adhesive dispensing unit 12. (Application at paragraph 0013.) These

features may include one or more of a storage bay 20 through sidewall 16, a drawer 22

slidably coupled to the base 14 through sidewall 16, a slide out shelf 24 through

sidewall 16, and a swing out plate 26. (Application at paragraphs 0013-15.) The bay 20

and drawer 22 are useful for storing manuals, tools, notebooks, and various other items

useful for operation of the adhesive dispenser 12. (Id.) The shelf 24 and plate 26 may

be used to support manuals, tools, parts, or various other articles in connection with

operation or serving of the dispensing unit 12. (ld.)

To secure an adhesive dispensing unit 12 to the top surface 18 of the base 14,

the apparatus 10 includes a coupling member comprising a generally flat plate 34 that is

securable to the top surface 18 of the base 14. (Application at paragraph 0015.)

Conclusion

Appellants are of the opinion that no fee is due in connection with this

submission. However, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this

communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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